

Calmentor Program, Central Region

*Promoting Involvement in Architectural
and Engineering Projects in
Districts 5, 6, 9 and 10*

Resulting from a partnership between Caltrans and the private consulting industry, Central Region Calmentor is a program that promotes the participation of certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) competing for Professional Architectural and Engineering (A&E) transportation contracts within Central Region boundaries. The Calmentor Program is consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No S-11-06 on Small Business participation in State procurement and contracting processes to meet or exceed the 25% small business participation goal. Specifically, the program aims to increase the participation of small A&E firms in public transportation projects in the Central California region, which includes the following counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Tulare, Inyo, Mono, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and North San Bernardino.



- ✓ Network and partner with local firms
- ✓ Expand your business opportunities
- ✓ Achieve your full growth potential
- ✓ Learn why and how to obtain certification
- ✓ Discover more meaningful participation on transportation projects

**Don't miss your
opportunity to be
a part of our
Mentor/Protégé
Program!**



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Calmentor Program is to increase the pool of small businesses participating in transportation projects by providing small firms opportunities to network and partner with established, larger firms.

Goals / Objectives and Benefits

- Establish a mentoring program that pairs small businesses with large firms
- Establish an entry point for small firms who desire to do business with Caltrans and other public agencies
- Develop business relationships that foster new opportunities for both large and small firms
- Enhance small business operations to achieve their growth potential
- Create more small business opportunities and provide more meaningful participation on transportation projects
- Encourage non-certified firms to obtain certification from appropriate agencies
- Increase pool of small businesses

PARTICIPANTS

Mentors: Large firms that are willing to commit time to help smaller firms achieve their growth potential.

Protégés: Small firms seeking A&E contracts with Caltrans or other public agencies.

Program Sponsors: Caltrans is the program's primary sponsor, facilitating a forum for small firms seeking growth opportunities.

